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2. U.S. Patent No. 5,963,656 issued October 5, 1999, to Bolle et al.
3. WO 01/01330 A1 published January 4, 2001, to Cross Match Technologies, Inc.
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,148,094 issued November 14, 2000, to Kinsella.
5. WO 00/46738 published August 10, 2000, to Zelson.

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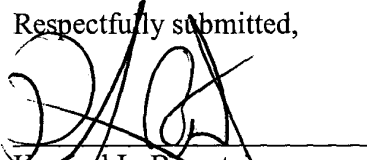
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